



The Standard

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SAW HIM UNCLOAKED.

Why the timid vicar ceased to fear the dignified bishop.

A certain English bishop who was generally feared by his clergy because of his arrogant and unbending manner was visited one day by a timid vicar who had never held any communication with his lordship save by letter. He had heard stories enough, however, to make him exceedingly anxious concerning the interview, and on reaching the pulpit he paused in the shrubbery to get up a little courage.

While he was standing there, hidden as he believed, he saw the bishop come to the door, book in hand, and look up and down the garden. The vicar promptly broke out in a cold perspiration, thinking his shaking had been detected. Not so. After a long look about the bishop called:

"Tom."

There was a faint and not very responsive cooer from somewhere up the tree, but no other response.

"Come, Tom, come, my boy," coaxed the bishop. "It is time for your Latin grammar. Let me have it."

So the unyielding bishop taught Tom Latin and had as much discipline as the head of a dame school. The vicar stepped out from behind the bush and looked after the bishop, who, having gone forward, was now standing under the tree that sheltered, he believed, Tom.

"Now, Tom, come down," said the bishop. "Here is a shilling if you'll come down."

"No, no," came the reply. "If I come down, I must have half a crown."

"A shilling as soon as I set foot on the ground?"

"Yes, Tom."

"All right, I'll come," graciously.

"Shoulders, daddy!"

The vicar saw the bishop lean forward, hands on knees; then a stooping young rebel landed on his shoulders and the vicar crept behind the bush again. When the bishop and Tom had gone into the house, the vicar stole out of the palace garden.

An hour later he returned. The bishop was not less arrogant and unbending than he had been described, but the vicar had lost all fear. If it returned, he thought he could harpoon himself a bit by looking at certain dust marks on the shoulders of the episcopal coat—youth's Companion.

Executed by Proxy.

In China it is nothing out of the way for a criminal under sentence of death to secure at a price a substitute to die for him at the hands of the executioner. Money of course comes mainly into play, the price going to the substitute's relations. A remarkable case of such substitution is reported from Fuchau. The particulars to hand show that when a certain childless criminal there was adjudged to death his family met to see what should be done. The superstition of the land ran counter to a man dying without leaving a son at least to worship him after death. The criminal had a brother who had so many sons that he had no fear of being left without worshippers. The family decided to put him in as substitute for the childless one, so that the latter could live on to get a son. The military mandarin concerned was brought over, the criminal was set free, and his guiltless brother's head was cut off. The family, the mandarin and the public were satisfied. But the mandarin's superiors did not set it in that light and informed the prefect at the city. He ordered the mandarin to be scourged like a common eunuch.

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Some years ago, when the present Queen of England was Princess of Wales and her children were very small, they were staying at a quiet watering place. The Montreal Star repeats this little story of the royal family, which shows that Queen Alexandra is much like other good mothers and that her children are like children the world over:

Once on returning from a short sail one of the little princesses was walking up the plank. An old sailor instinctively said:

"Take care, little lady!"

The child drew herself up haughtily and said:

"I'm not a lady; I'm a princess!"

The Princess of Wales, who overheard the kindly injunction and the rather ill-bred reply, said quickly:

"Tell the good sailor you are not a little lady yet, but you hope to be some day."

Russians who are religious do not eat oysters because of the sanctity conferred on the dove in the Scriptures.

Gab is nine points in an argument—Portland Oregonian.

He caught the car.

"I'll catch—that—street—car," he gasps, "or die!"

Faster goes the street car; faster goes the man.

He overturns fruit stands and aged blind men in his wild career; he knocks down children and tramples upon them, but onward he rushes; he collides with a baby carriage. The baby is knocked into the street. The mother of the child picks it up. She points a finger at the disappearing form of the man. "Murderer!" she hisses through her clinched teeth.

He draws nearer to the car; nearer yet.

He reaches out his hand.

He touches the rail on the rear platform.

He gives one last convulsive effort.

He is on the car.

He sinks breathless into a seat and mops his brow. The conductor touches him on the shoulder.

"Git offen here!" he says. "We're a-goin' to the barn! No more cars to night!"—Chicago Tribune.

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